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1. OUR REQUEST IN REFTEL FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF TURKISH MILITARY CAPABILITIES IN THE AEGEAN AREA WAS LARGELY STIMULATED BY GREEK ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING TURKISH EXPANSIONIST INTENTIONS. THE GREEKS ALSO ALLEGE, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT A PROFOUND CHANGE IS TAKING PLACE IN TURKEY INVOLVING A BREAK WITH ITS EARLIER COMMITMENT TO THE ATATURK TRADITION OF WESTERNIZATION. IN THE GREEK VIEW, THE TURKISH THREAT IN THE AEGEAN IS BUT ONE ASPECT, ALBEIT THE MOST SERIOUS, OF THIS ALLEGED WATERSHED IN TURKEY'S BASIC ORIENTATION AND DIRECTION.

2. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON THESE ISSUES AND BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A CONSIDERED USG ESTIMATE OF TURKISH INTENTIONS. THIS MIGHT ADDRESS NOT ONLY SHORTER RANGE INTENTIONS, SUCH AS THOSE IN THE AEGEAN, BUT ALSO LONGER RANGE INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO RELATIONS WITH GREECE AND, MORE GENERALLY, WITH THE WEST.

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